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### **STATEMENT RE: CLOSURE OF GRACELIFE CHURCH**

This morning, AHS with the assistance of the RCMP shut down GraceLife Church. This is good news. The bad news is that it took so long for AHS to act.

AHS issued an order on Dec. 17 requiring GraceLife Church to comply with restrictions ordered by Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health. It took nearly four months for AHS to enforce orders that have been flagrantly, arrogantly, and repeatedly ignored by the church. This delay put hundreds if not thousands of lives at risk.

The primary cause of this serious health risk is, of course, not AHS but GraceLife Church itself. Under the guise of religious freedom, the church has pronounced itself exempt from public health regulations and ignored the biblical imperative to obey governing authority:

Romans 13:1-2

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Today, judgement was finally rendered. Too bad it took so long.

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